

Loomis respecting the division of the estate of said deceased, as approved by the court Dec. 2, 1658. This agreement is signed by the children in the following order:

Joseph Loomis.
Nicholas Olmsted.
Josias Hull.
John Loomis.
Thomas Loomis.
Nathaniel Loomis.
Mary Tudor.
Samuel Loomis.

It is believed that the above order indicates the relative ages of the children. This conclusion is founded upon the sentiments generally prevalent at that period with regard to the rights of seniority, and is confirmed by several circumstances.

1. Since the laws of England secured to the oldest son very important privileges over his younger brothers, the position of Joseph Loomis's name in the agreement above mentioned is regarded as proving that he was the oldest son.

2. Joseph Loomis, the younger, and John Loomis had land granted to them from the Windsor Plantation in 1643. The other sons acquired no land until several years afterwards. The names of the five sons are repeatedly mentioned on the records at Windsor and Hartford, as jurors, freemen, troopers, etc., and these dates lead to the conclusion that Joseph and John were older than the other three sons.

3. The marriages of the sons, as recorded at Windsor, took place in the order of the names mentioned above.

Materials from which this genealogy has been derived.—The genealogy given in the following pages is for many years derived principally from the town records at Windsor, Conn. About 1672, Samuel Loomis removed to Westfield, Mass., and from him there descended a numerous family in that town. Soon after the year 1700, other descendants of Joseph Loomis settled in Colchester, Lebanon, Coventry and Bolton, from whom has sprung a numerous family; and soon afterwards they established themselves in Torrington, New Hartford, Suffield, and many other towns in Connecticut, as well as Springfield, Southwick, Sheffield, and other towns in South-western Massachusetts. I have consulted the records of all these towns with considerable care, and have visited nearly every Loomis family at present living in Connecticut or Massachusetts. Soon after the peace